Wharf at the Veluthulli Customs.

347. * **MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received complaints or memorials regarding the construction of a better wharf at the Veluthulli Customs House; and

(*b*) if so, what steps they have taken thereon?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*Excise Commissioner*); (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (a) this question does not arise.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether it is the opinion of the honourable member that the present wharf is enough?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Sir, the present wharf is usable. Last year it was repaired. If further repairs are found necessary, they will be done this year also when maintenance work is done.

Chowkey coolies at Arukutti and Veluthulli Customs.

348. * **MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR** (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Chowkey coolies at the Arukutti and Veluthulli Customs Houses respectively;

(*b*) the highest and the lowest pay given to these coolies;

(*c*) the amount of money collected at each of these Customs Houses as weighing charges in 1116; and

(*d*) the total amount disbursed as pay or wages in this respect in 1116?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: (*a*) 42 and 12 respectively.

(*b*) Rs. 10 and Rs. 7 per mensem.

(*c*) Arukutty Customs—Rs. 5495-10-12 and Veluthully Customs Rs. 5024-16-8.

(*d*) Arukutty—Rs. 3585-5-12 and Veluthully Rs. 1035-10-4.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the coolies come under the permanent service or under work establishment?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Sir, they are paid from the contingencies.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether they are sent out on patrol?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: No Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: With reference to the answers to parts (c) and (d) of the question may I know whether the amounts are not collected to be paid to these coolies?

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MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: It is true Sir, that these amounts are collected as cooly charges. But the coolies are paid only a fixed rate. Because of the heavy export through Arukutty the figures have gone up this year and the matter is also being brought to the notice of Government.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know Sir, whether these coolies were given any increment for the last one or two years?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Sir, contingent coolies are not given any increment.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: My point was that because government can save so much amount from the sums realised by way of charges, the coolies should be given more, especially because of the increase in the cost of materials they have to buy.

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: That is a matter which Government could consider later on, if necessary.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Were the coolies at any time paid less than the fixed amount?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: No Sir. That is why there is a fixed amount.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: കസ്റ്റംസിലെ ആദായം കൂടുതൽ വരുത്തുന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ ശമ്പളം കൂട്ടിക്കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: ആദായം കൂടുതൽ കിട്ടുന്നെങ്കിലും ശമ്പളം കൂട്ടിയിട്ടില്ല.

Government English High School, Chengannur.

349. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is provision in the current year's budget for the acquisition of land required for the Government English High School, Chengannur;

(*b*) the progress so far made towards the acquisition of the said land; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the negative, the reason for the delay?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) No.

(*b*) The acquisition has been sanctioned and the land will be taken possession of as soon as funds become available early in 1118.

(*c*) In view of answer to (*b*) the question does not arise.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the date of the order sanctioning the acquisition of land required for the Government English High School, Chengannur?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: It was in December 1941.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Then may I know what the delay is due to?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: The delay is due to the fact that provision had to be made in the next year's budget for the money to be paid.

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